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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Boaz KENAN, Yair ERAN, Avner KARPOL, Emanuel

ELYASAF, and Ehud TIROSH

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETICLE INSPECTION USING

AERIAL IMAGING

Our Ref: 003587 USA 02/MASK/RT/DB

Dear Sir.

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/417,518 (Confirmation No. 7543) filed October 13, 1999, of Boaz KENAN, Yair ERAN, Avner KARPOL, Emanuel ELYASAF, and Ehud TIROSH entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETICLE INSPECTION USING AERIAL IMAGING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, four (4) sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1756.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: —This is a divisional of Application No. 09/417,518 (Confirmation No. 7543) filed October 13, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.—

Cancel claims: 1-26 and 58-63.

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petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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